



Crescent Hill Newsletter

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Separate School Bus Exit Proposed at Barret TMS

The Jefferson County School Board is proposing a separate access road for school buses at Barret Traditional Middle School. Currently, all school buses and private vehicles use the one road that leads to the back parking lot at Barret, off S. Peterson Ave. The road is being proposed for safety reasons, and to bring Barret into line with state regulations that require separate access where feasible.

Dr. Donald Matlock, Barret's principal, invited residents of S. Galt, S. Peterson, George Rogers Clark Place and Roland Ave., to a meeting on August 7 at the Peterson-Dumesnil House to discuss the exit and solicit neighborhood comments. Members of the Crescent Hill Community Council Peterson-Dumesnil House Board also attended.

Several options were discussed. Some neighbors asked why the road was necessary. Dr. Matlock responded that safety was the primary reason. He said that there have been at least six accidents in the recent past due to traffic congestion. Additionally, a new exit on Galt/Rowland would eliminate the necessity for buses coming from Grinstead to travel up Galt to Clark Place, and then go south on Peterson to the current

entrance. (Buses and trucks are not allowed on Peterson Hill, so they come up Galt).

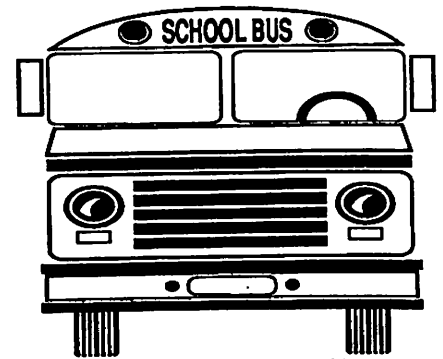
Two sites for the new school bus road were discussed. Both would begin at the north-east corner of Barret's back parking lot. A gate would be placed at that point to prevent its use by other vehicles. The first plan called for the road to run immediately to the east of the P-D House and terminate at the intersection of the north leg of South Galt and Rowland. Several objections were raised to this plan. First, its proximity to the House would affect the aesthetics of the site. Second, construction would result in the loss of a number of large trees. Third, the road would appear to those traveling south as the continuation of South Galt.

The second plan has the road ending about midway between the north and south legs of South Galt, on Rowland. It would reduce the numbers of trees lost and have a lesser effect on the House site, but several neighbors expressed concerns about the resulting congestion on Rowland due to the tight turns required.

Regarding the loss of trees from construction of the road, Dr. Matlock pointed out that Barret

had planted a number trees on its property in the past several years.

School Board and City engineers are continuing their studies on the two sites. Both Dr. Matlock and the Community Council would like your opinions on this matter. Write to Dr. Matlock at Barret and the Council at the Peterson-Dumesnil House, 301 S. Peterson with your comments.



Coming Attractions

Labor Day.....	September 2
Rosh Hashana.....	September 9
September Council Meeting Everyone is invited....	September 12
October Newsletter Deadline.....	September 13
Yom Kippur.....	September 18
November Newsletter Deadline.....	October 11